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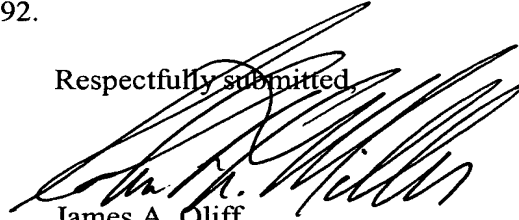
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- ☒ 4. U.S. Patent No. 6,155,364 is the English-language counterpart of Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP A 09-226392.

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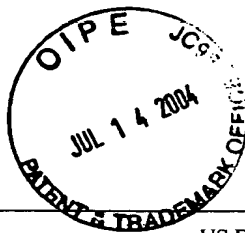
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